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SENATE BILL 512

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; PROVIDING A LIMIT ON MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY
NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
GUIDELINES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 27-2B-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,
Chapter 8, Section 15 and Laws 1998, Chapter 9, Section 15, as
amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 295, Section 8 and by Laws 2001,
Chapter 326, Section 8) is amended to read:

"27-2B-15. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY. --

A. The following persons are eligible for medicaid:

(1) a participant who is in transition to
self-sufficiency due to employment or child support;

(2) a pregnant woman who meets the income and
resource requirements for New Mexico's aid to families with

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1 dependent children as they existed on July 16, 1996;

2 (3) a member of a benefit group who is
3 eighteen years of age or younger if the benefit group's income
4 is below one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
5 guidelines;

6 (4) a pregnant woman whose income is below one
7 hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

8 (5) participants receiving federal
9 supplemental security income;

10 (6) an aged, blind or disabled person in an
11 institution who meets all the supplemental security income
12 standards except for income;

13 (7) a person who meets all standards for
14 institutional care but is cared for at home and meets
15 eligibility standards for medicaid;

16 (8) a qualified medicare beneficiary,
17 qualified disabled working person or specified low-income
18 medicare beneficiary; and

19 (9) a foster child in the custody of the state
20 or of an Indian pueblo, tribe or nation who meets eligibility
21 standards for medicare.

22 B. Effective October 1, 2001, for the medicaid
23 category designated "JUL medicaid" by the department, the
24 income eligibility criteria shall be the same as the income
25 eligibility criteria set forth in the New Mexico Works Act.

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